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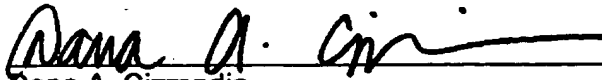
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Patent No. 5,193,973. As discussed with the Examiner, this reference was found during post-allowance review of the file. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form.

Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copies of the cited U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. If any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the Applicants are aware.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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